

# Shoal Hill 25th April 2021

## Final details

**Directions to the event:** Chase Leisure Centre, Cannock Road (A34), Cannock WS11 4AL.  
GR: [SJ 978107](#). What3 words: [army.about.ruins](#). Park at the rear of the car park in bays. If room allows leave a space between cars. Only signed at the entrance to the Leisure Centre! Height barrier of 2.2m, hopefully open!

**Courses:** White – 1.6km, Yellow – 2.1km, Orange – 2.8km, Light Green – 3.9km, Short Green – 3.9km, Green – 4.6km, Blue – 6.9km and Brown – 8.5km

**Map Scale:** 1:10,000

**Toilets:** Toilets in the car park, none at the start. Covid precautions will be in place, please queue sensibly. Sanitiser, etc. will be available.

**Hired dibbers:** If you are hiring a dibber, pick it up from the results tent in the car park.

**Dogs:** Dogs are allowed on a lead in the car park and on the walk to the start. Not advised on the courses.

**Start:** 10.30am to 12.30pm. Courses close 2:30pm.

The start is about 2k from the car park as is the return from the finish. The walk to the start and back from the finish is through a golf course, paths parallel to the fairways generally, so should be safe. However, please be aware of flying golf balls! Follow red and white tapes and arrows at key points.

There will be a kit drop at the finish which you pass close to the start. There will be a presence at the finish but, essentially, leave kit at your own risk. Bring a bag to leave your kit in.

There will be a 3 minute call up into the start boxes. Try to arrive close to your start time. There is plenty of room behind the start so do not congregate round the start boxes. **Do not be late either, every time slot is taken leaving no slack. Late arrivals may have to wait for some considerable time.**

The control descriptions will be at the start.

Despite the allocated start times, it is a punching start. SI boxes are SIAC enabled, apart from the start and finish, which must be punched.

**Terrain:** Shoal Hill is small common divided into 3 distinct areas. The Southern area is low visibility birchwood with quite a lot of holly reducing runnability (some has recently been removed). The central area is open heathland, scrubby in places but with some very fast sections where recent mowing has taken place. The Northern section is partly wooded but mainly reclaimed industrial land with mixed vegetation, hence some random remnants of wire, cable and bits of fence. Where problematic, they have been highlighted with safety tape.

All areas have a well-defined path network as well as many small indistinct paths. At this time of year many more visible than they will be later in the year. There is a lot of bramble especially in the woods, the worst areas are indicated on the map, generally negotiable bramble has been omitted to avoid obscuring detail. Lower leg protection is advisable; full leg cover is compulsory.

**Safety:** Note that the area is also used by horse riders, dog walkers and bike riders. Please respect their right to be there. There will be a first aider at the finish, not at assembly. A minor injuries unit is open at Cannock Chase Hospital, Level 1, Brunswick Road, Cannock WS11 5XY. Approximately 1 mile away.

You must download even if you retire so that we know you are back.

**Covid-19 Measures:** Do not attend if you have Covid symptoms, have been close to someone who has, or have been asked to isolate. Keep your distance from other orienteers. Do not form groups of more than 6 people and do not mingle between groups. Remember: "**Hands/Face/Space**" Fresh air comes as standard.

**Results:** None at the event, we will try to get them out as quickly as we can.  
NB: This event has been designated a West Midlands league event.

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